

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON NEW ECONOMY AND QUALITY OF LIFE**

**Thursday, September 6, 2007**

**9:00 a.m.**

**Room 521, House Office Building**

**Chair Clemente** called the Standing Committee on New Economy and Quality of Life to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (10/11)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Melton (1/11)

**Representative Huizenga** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on August 21, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

**Representative Clack** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Clemente** excused **Representative Melton**.

The **Chair** announced that the committee would go at ease, the time being **9:07 a.m.**

**Chair Clemente** called the committee to order, the time being **9:10 a.m.**

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 5123** before the committee.

HB 5123 Bieda	Economic development; commercial redevelopment; limit on certain powers to veto the creation of a district; provide for.
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**Representative Bieda** explained the intent of the bill and answered questions. He also explained the intent of a proposed amendment.

**Andy Schor**, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Luke Bonner**, representing the City of Sterling Heights, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

**Larry Steckelberg**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Kirk Profit**, representing Ypsilanti Township, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

**Abigail deRoo** and **Tim Klunder**, representing the City of Zeeland, submitted a letter in **support** of the bill.

**Chair Clemente** offered the following amendment to **House Bill 5123**:

1. Amend page 4, line 4, by striking out all of section 3.

**Representative Leland** moved to adopt the amendment.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Pastor** moved to report **House Bill 5123**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Clemente, Leland, Clack, Griffin, Meadows, Meisner, Huizenga, Hildenbrand, Garfield, Pastor (10/11)

**NAYS:** None (0/11)

**PASS:** None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** adjourned the meeting, the time being **9:31 a.m.**

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**Representative Ed Clemente, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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